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Indiana Housing & Community Development Authority

IHCDA Info- November 2014

The Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority (IHCDA), chaired by Lt. Governor Sue Ellspermann, works to provide housing opportunities, promote self-sufficiency and strengthen communities, in order to build an Indiana with a sustainable quality of life for all Hoosiers in the community of their choice.

2015 Tax Credit General Set-Aside Round

IHCDA is pleased to announce that once again it will be conducting a separate round for its 2015 General Set-Aside and is inviting developments that present a unique and creative project concept to submit a proposal. Applications will be evaluated based on their ability to meet IHCDA's goals and priorities through an innovative approach.

You can find more information on the IHCDA website. Letters of Intent are due by March 6, 2015.

Please direct any questions to Alan Rakowski, Rental Housing Tax Credit Manager, at (317) 233-1220 or arakowski@ihcda.in.gov. A monthly newsletter from the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority for our partners to stay up to date on program announcements, changes, trainings and events.

IHCDA welcomes comments, additions and suggestions at feedback@ihcda.in.gov.



Each year, Indiana receives approximately \$9 million in block grant funds from the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG). These funds are used to support community action's low income initiatives at or below 125 percent of the federal poverty level. For the past two years IHCDA has funded the CSBG Innovative Community Collaboration Grant to spark innovative community collaboration with Indiana's community action network. Two projects were funded for 2014.

Community Action of Northeast Indiana's Career Academy, a joint partnership with Blue Jacket, a local service group, is designed to provide low income clients with a four week employment training program.



Important Dates

- November 20- IHCDA Board of Directors Meeting
- November 27 & 28-IHCDA Offices Closed
- December 1- <u>BEP</u>
 Division Four, Round
 Two applications due
- December 1- EAP Moratorium (utility shutoff protection) begins.
- December 12- 2015
 Indiana Permanent
 Supportive Housing
 Institute proposals due
- December 18- IHCDA Board of Directors Meeting
- January 5- <u>BEP</u>
 <u>Division Five and Six,</u>
 <u>Round Two</u>
 applications due.

Upcoming Events

December 8 & 9 –
 Governor's Council for
 People with Disabilities
 Conference



2015A-C Rental Housing Tax Credit Applicants

November 3 was the deadline for the 2015A-C application round, which included nine percent (9%) rental housing tax credits. IHCDA received 52 applications for the program from 33 different counties, totaling over \$43 million! You can view the applicant list online on the IHCDA website.

Recommendations for the 2015A-C round will be made at the Febraury 26, 2015 board meeting, held at IHCDA's 30 South Merdian Office in Indianapolis.

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Energy Assistance

The Energy Assistance Program is in full swing! Staff at 134 locations serving all 92 counties are hard at work helping Hoosiers stay warm.

Lincoln Hills Development Corporation staff recently forwarded a lovely thank you note from a client, and IHCDA thought that the sentiment was universal! They said, "Thank you all who made this happen for each and everyone who gets help! If it wasn't for you, I would Participants will receive training on job skills, technology skills and good employee habits and behaviors. Following academy graduation, participants will work with Opportunity Staffing to develop job opportunities and find employment for low income clients that may be the hardest to employ because of criminal history.

Pace Community Action Agency's Boys and Beyond. This program will provide life skills training and leadership building for 18 young men, ages 9 to 11, who currently live in single parent households. Pace has partnered with six local elementary schools and German American Bank. The program will customize a curriculum that will provide experiential learning, communication, relationship building and leadership development through an interactive learning model. Participants will also be provided with funds to open bank accounts, and parents will be provided financial literacy tools and information.



Blight Elimination Program awards \$12 million to improve Indiana communities

On October 23, Lt. Governor Sue Ellspermann announced two rounds of awards from Indiana's Hardest Hit Fund Blight Elimination Program (BEP). The 23 successful Indiana applicants from Divisions Five and Six received a combined total of nearly \$12 million.

The 18 successful Division Five applicants receiving awards totaling \$8.2 million include:

Cass County:

- -- The City of Logansport- \$925,000
- -- The Town of Walton- \$25,000

Clay County:

To submit event information to be featured in the IHCDA Info and IHCDA's websites, email Amber Kent, Public Information Officer.



- RED 14-31: <u>TCAP</u>
 <u>Policies and</u>

 Procedures Manual
- RED 14-32:
 <u>Announcing the CEED</u>
 <u>Loan Program</u>
- RED 14-33: <u>HOME and</u> <u>CDBG Certification</u> <u>Training</u>
- RED 14-34: <u>HOME</u>
 Preservation Round
- RED 14-35: <u>2014 Utility</u>
 Allowances
- RED 14-36: Floating
 Tax Credit Percentage
 Rate
- RED 14-37: <u>2015</u> General Set-Aside
- 14-38: <u>Social Security</u>
 <u>COLA Increase for</u>
 2015
- 14-39: <u>Indiana</u>
 Permanent Supportive
 Housing Institute
- 14-40: <u>2015A-C</u> Applicant List

For the complete list of RED notices, click <u>here</u>.



Blight Elimination Program Notices

- BEP Notice 14-23
- BEP Notice 14-24
- BEP Notice 14-25

have been very cold each year!"



Customer Service Survey

IHCDA would like to offer you another opportunity to tell us how we're doing as we continue to strive for stellar customer service. The information you shared with us has been invaluable as we made our preparations for the year. Now, we look forward to learning from you whether and how we've improved over the last year, and how we can continue to improve in 2015.

Please <u>click here</u> to complete the survey - the deadline has been extended to December 1, 2014.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Joe Palus at jpalus@ihcda.in.gov.

Legislative Calendars Released

The 2015 calendars for the Indiana Legislature have been released. You can find them online:

2015 Senate Calendar

2015 House Calendar



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-- The City of Brazil- \$215,000

Daviess County:

-- The City of Washington- \$459,000

DeKalb County:

- -- The City of Auburn- \$100,000
- -- The City of Garrett- \$75,000
- -- The Town of St. Joe- \$50,000
- -- The Town of Waterloo- \$236,000

Henry County:

-- The City of New Castle- \$700,000

Jackson County:

-- The City of Seymour- \$72,000

Knox County:

- -- The City of Bicknell- \$415,000
- -- The City of Vincennes- \$390,000

Miami County:

-- The City of Peru- \$813,000

Shelby County:

-- The City of Shelbyville- \$304,000

Greene County- \$945,000

Gibson County- \$1,440,000

Posey County- \$617,000

Noble County/The City of Kendallville-\$487,000

The 11 successful Division Six applicants receiving awards totaling \$3.7 million include:

Blackford County:

- BEP Notice 14-26
- BEP Notice 14-27
- BEP Notice 14-28
- BEP Notice 14-29
- BEP Notice 14-30
- BEP Notice 14-31
- BEP Notice 14-32

For the complete list of BEP Notices, click here.



Press Releases

October 29 State Receives
Prestigious National
Awards Recognizing
Program Excellence in
Housing and
Community
Development
Innovations

Job Openings!

IHCDA is looking for individuals to become part of our team:

Marketing and Communications
Director

Compliance Auditor

Twitter!

- -- City of Dunkirk (Jay/Blackford)-\$176,000
- -- City of Hartford City- \$507,000
- -- City of Montpelier- \$61,000

Carroll County:

-- City of Delphi- \$68,000

Fayette County:

-- City of Connersville- \$125,000

Ohio County:

-- City of Rising Sun- \$161,000

Rush County:

-- City of Rushville- \$230,000

Spencer County:

-- Town of Richland City- \$144,000

Starke County:

-- City of Knox- \$187,000

Pulaski County- \$147,000

Sullivan County- \$1,914,000

The first round application deadlines are now closed for all six divisions, and the second round is currently open in Divisions Four through Six. More information is available at www.877GetHope.org/blight.

For more information on IHCDA, please visit www.ihcda.in.gov or www.in.gov/myihcda.

For updates from Lt. Governor Ellspermann and the agencies she oversees, sign up at www.lg.in.gov.